IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 15, and 17 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An emitted-radio-wave shield comprising:

a shield box housing a circuit board;

a shield plate removably secured to said shield box; and

a shield member, having an attaching surface and an opposite contacting surface, which is formed from a resilient body, and which is disposed at a joint surface portion between said shield box and said shield plate, and is attached to one of said shield box and said shield plate, for shielding emitted radio waves from the circuit board in a state in which said shield plate is secured to said shield box;

wherein the other one of said shield box and said shield plate is formed to have a plurality of protrusions, which project toward said contacting surface of said shield member, so as to contact and press said shield member, such that ~~a~~ said contacting surface of said shield member deforms in a concave shape so as to engage with said protrusions.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) An emitted-radio wave shield comprising:

a shield box housing a circuit board:

a shield plate removably secured to said shield box; and

a shield member formed from a resilient body, which is disposed at a joint surface portion between said shield box and said shield plate, and is attached to one of said shield box and said shield plate, for shielding emitted radio waves from the circuit board in a state in which said shield plate is secured to said shield box;

wherein the other one of said shield box and said shield plate is formed to have a plurality of protrusions at regular intervals of 60 mm or less, which protrusions project toward said shield member, so as to contact and press said shield member, such that a surface of said shield member deforms in a concave shape so as to engage with said protrusions ~~The shield according to claim 2, wherein the regular interval is 60 mm or less~~.

4-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) An emitted-radio-wave shield comprising:

a shield box housing a circuit board, said shield box having an opening, which is formed to include a flange, and locking means;

a shield plate removably secured to the flange; and

a shield member formed from a resilient body and, which is disposed on the flange constituting a joint between said shield box and said shield plate and is attached to said shield box, for shielding emitted radio waves from the circuit board in a state in which said shield plate is secured to said shield box;

wherein said shield plate is formed to have a plurality of protrusions, which project toward said shield member, so as to contact and press said shield member;

one edge of said shield plate is formed to have projections and said flange is formed to have corresponding through-holes for mating with respective ones of the projections; and

an edge of said shield plate opposite said one edge is formed to have a locking portion for locking engagement with said locking means of said shield box.

10. (Original) The shield according to claim 9, wherein said plurality of protrusions are formed on said shield plate at regular intervals.

11. (Previously Presented) The shield according to claim 10, wherein the regular interval is 60 mm or less.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Withdrawn) An image forming apparatus comprising:

an image processing circuit board that converts an image to an electrical signal and processes the electrical signal of the image; and

an emitted-radio-wave shield comprising:

a shield box housing said image processing circuit board;

a shield plate removably secured to said shield box; and

a shield member formed from a resilient body and, which is disposed at a joint between said shield box and said shield plate and is attached to said shield box, for shielding emitted radio waves from the circuit board in a state in which said shield plate is secured to said shield box;

wherein said shield plate is formed to have a plurality of protrusions, which project toward said shield member, so as to contact and press said shield member, such that a surface of said shield member deforms in a concave shape so as to engage with said protrusions.

14. (Previously Presented) The emitted-radio-wave shield according to Claim 1, wherein said shield box has a locking means, and said shield plate has a locking portion to be locked to said locking means.

15. (Currently Amended) An emitted-radio-wave shield according to Claim 1, wherein said shield member is attached in electrical connection to said shield box by directly contacting with said shield box.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) An emitted-radio-wave shield according to Claim 9, wherein said shield member is attached in electrical connection to said shield box by directly contacting with said shield box.